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## MASKED BURGLAR RAIDS MANY HOMES; ANOTHER JEWELRY STORE ROBBED

Armed With Pistol, Midnight Marauder Makes Visits to Five Homes in East Side and is Finally Chased By Gang—Scher's Jewelry Store, Under White Way Lights, is Entered and Tools and Watch Taken.

Bridgeport's reign of terror caused by the depredations of the most desperate burglars that have operated in the city in many years, continued last night when five homes in the East side were entered by a masked stranger, armed heavily, demanding money and jewels.

Simultaneously with the report of this, it has become known that a force of Pinkerton detectives are in the city trying to ferret out the robbers who have been breaking into jewelry stores. Withheld 24 hours by the police, intelligence has transpired that the jewelry store of Jacob Scher was also burglarized in the raids of Tuesday night.

### MARAUDER ON EAST SIDE TOTES PISTOL AND WEARS HANDKERCHIEF FOR MASK

A masked robber last night entered five houses on the East Side and finally was driven to cover at the point of pistols in the hands of seven men upon whom he had stumbled in the darkness. Wealthy residents of Goodwin, Clarence and Gilmore streets, aided by the police, today are conducting what they say will be an unrelenting search for the marauder.

According to the police reports, the burglar, wearing a handkerchief over the lower half of his face, entered Tony Varrilli's boarding house at 18 Goodwin street at about 2:30 o'clock this morning. He used a key to pass through the front door. He had climbed to the sleeping apartments on the second floor where he stumbled over Peter Gots, a lodger. In the same room six other males slept. Gots called to the others and the burglar, described as stockily built, jumped from the rear porch. Revolvers in hand some of the other lodgers followed him through back yards but he made good his escape.

In an adjoining yard a pair of pants, containing an empty pocketbook and a Warren Brothers pay check number 874 were found. These were taken to the second precinct station. At an early hour today, however, Dennis 10 Gilmore street, came to the station to report that he had been robbed during the night by a masked burglar who entered his home with a key, taking \$2.00 and some clothing. He at once recognized the pants as being his property.

Later August Schuez, 22 Clarence street, reported that the masked burglar entered his home about 1 o'clock and held all at bay with a revolver while he went through the rooms, getting but 50 cents for his trouble. Others to report robberies were Tony Matteo, 22 Clarence street, \$34 taken and Joseph Garbano, a boarder at the same address, who lost \$12.

In the harbor situation the police today confront a serious problem for J. H. Smith, 201 Adams street, an oysterman whose scow is tied up in power-house channel reported that his boat had been consistently robbed for a period of nearly a week, until there was little portable material left on board. He is of the opinion that a gang are at work under cover of darkness.

## BOY FALLS FROM CHERRY TREE, WANTS \$50,000 FOR INJURIES

George Washington got a lot of press notices for what he did to a cherry tree but here comes 15-year-old Addison L. Ferris, of Stamford, who fell from a cherry tree and wants \$50,000 damages. He has brought suit for that amount against Harriet K. Miller of Stamford, on whose property the tree stands.

Addison says he was told to climb

### Hit By Machine, Child Uninjured

Shortly before 10 o'clock this morning, passengers on a city bound Reading park car witnessed an escape from an automobile accident that was remarkable. Dr. Elmer P. Blank was driving his car on East Washington avenue at Noble, when a child of about seven years of age darted from behind an ice wagon before the physician's automobile. By remarkably quick work, the doctor brought his car almost to a stop but not before the child had been pushed several feet by the radiator. The passengers on the trolley car, who expected to see the child injured are praising Dr. Blank's control of his car.

### Hoboken Man Seeks Missing John Lund

Has anyone here seen John Lund, who at one time was a tailor in Bridgeport? Peter Langman of 64 14th street, Hoboken, N. J., is anxious to locate him. Lund left Hoboken some time ago and is supposed to have come to Bridgeport. Mr. Langman has written City Clerk Robinson asking him for information concerning Lund and says it will be for the interest of Lund or his relatives to communicate with him at once.

**CARRIERS GET RAISE.**  
The names of H. J. McCabe and F. E. Scheibel, both carriers, have been added to the list of postoffice employees who are to receive their \$100 raise commencing July 1.

## NEW HAVEN GIRL KILLED BENEATH WHEELS OF CAR

Nineteen-Year-Old Anna Brown Loses Life on Day of Her Graduation.

### BRIDGEPORT CREW IN CHARGE OF TROLLEY

Patrick Ryan, Matthew Burns and Joseph Dungan Before Coroner Mix

(Special to The Farmer.)  
New Haven, June 24.—Miss Anna Brown, aged 19, who was to have been graduated at the trolley from the State Normal school, was killed this morning by a trolley car running from Bridgeport to New Haven. The car was in charge of Patrick Ryan, a motorman of 1430 East Main street, Bridgeport and Joseph J. Dungan, of 338 Brooks street, Bridgeport, but Matthew Burns, a "green" trolleyman was at the controller.

Miss Brown was killed on a trolley at Cox's beach, West Haven. The crew has been summoned to appear before Coroner E. H. Mix.

According to the crew Miss Brown was walking the track in the direction of New Haven and on hearing the approach of a car stepped over the other track which happened to be the in-bound one. She was struck in the back and her body crumpled under the car.

Miss Brown lived in this city, but her family is at Prospect beach, near the place of the accident. She is the daughter of Donald H. Brown, superintendent of the Barnum Iron Foundry, New Haven.

The graduating class, upon hearing of the accident, to which Miss Brown was on her way, the day of one of their members gave up the dinner and dance with which the day's festivities were to be closed according to the commencement program.

While the car crew were being questioned by Coroner Mix, C. C. Elwell, chief inspector of the public utilities commission, was present. Motorists were unimpressed by the accident. He said that Miss Brown stepped from the track on which she was safe right upon the track over which the car was speeding and which was then only a short distance behind her.

## THREE MACHINES IN CRASH IN CONGESTED STREET IN CENTER

Truck and Two Passengers Cars in Collision—One Nosebleed Results.

A three cornered crash between a large truck and two passenger cars belonging to New Haven and Waterbury men, in front of the Sagal building, in the city center, this afternoon resulted in the arrest of James J. Kelly, colored, 1541 Barnum avenue, driver for the East End Lumber Co., and the summoning in court of A. R. Brown, 27 Bond street, New Haven and M. J. Daley, 67 Holme street, Waterbury, both of whose cars were damaged.

According to the information furnished to the police by witnesses, the car of Cameron had been standing in front of Schmidt's restaurant and had just been cranked by C. F. Peterson. It was being turned into the center of the street to avoid the car owned by M. J. Daley which was directly ahead and standing still, when the truck, driven by Kelly, crashed into the rear of the Cameron car which in turn crashed into the Daley car, throwing Daley against the windshield and causing a hemorrhage of the nose.

Morell who was apparently unaware of the damage caused to the Daley car which had its left front wheel smashed, continued to the viaduct where he was stopped by traffic policeman Daniel Poland. Morell disclaimed responsibility although it is stated he was driving at a rate, between 15 and 20 miles per hour, while the new law calls for a speed in cities not exceeding 10 miles.

### GARRANZA'S FORCE NEAR MEXICO CITY

El Paso, Tex., June 24.—A Carranza army under General Pablo Gonzalez has reached the suburbs of Mexico City, according to a telegram received by the Carranza agency here today from Vera Cruz, dated yesterday.

### FILES DEMURRERS TO TRUST LAW CHARGES

Chicago, June 24.—Demurrers to 60 of the indictments returned by a federal grand jury charging electrical contractors and labor leaders with violating the Sherman anti-trust law were filed before Judge Taft today. The demurrers assert that the law has not been violated by the defendants.

### AUSTRIANS REINFORCED WILL TAKE OFFENSIVE

London, June 24.—According to reliable information that has reached Verona, the Austrians have received these reinforcements as to enable them to take the offensive, throughout the front, but are constantly repulsed everywhere with heavy losses.

The fundamental idea in the plan of campaign adopted by Lieut. General Count Cadorna, chief of staff of the Italian army is to cause the Austrians the greatest expenditure of men with the least damage to the Italians.

### ANOTHER EARTHQUAKE SHAKES CALIFORNIA

El Centro, Cal., June 24.—Another slight earth shock was felt here at 8:20 A. M. today. It shook bricks from the Masonic Temple and various other buildings ruined or damaged by the series of shocks Tuesday night.

## TESTAMENT OF BATCHELLER CO. HEAD SURPRISES

No Mention of His Holdings in Corset Concern Made By Late President.

### BEQUESTS TOTTALLING \$20,000 ARE MADE

Remembers Business Associates and Servant In Will Admitted Today.

Much surprise was manifest here today when it became known that the will of George Clinton Batcheller, former president and treasurer of the George C. Batcheller Corset Co., disposed of a very small estate. Bequests of less than \$20,000 are named in the will while it has always been taken for granted that Mr. Batcheller was the largest stockholder in the big corset factory at Myrtle and Railroad avenues, the holdings of which corporation are assessed for \$314,800.

Mr. Batcheller died several months ago at his home in East 79th street, New York city. A copy of this will, which has been filed with the surrogate of New York city, was admitted to probate here today.

His only bequest to anyone in Bridgeport is \$2,000 to Byron B. Batcheller, cost clerk at the factory in the South End. The legatee is the son of Mr. Batcheller's cousin, Stephen Batcheller, now deceased.

According to the will Mr. Batcheller owned real estate in Austin street, this city, which is assessed on the tax lists for \$5,000. He held 25 shares of stock in the Crown Paper Box Co., and in his will says this stock is worth \$9,125.50. As president and treasurer of this concern, there is due him for salary, \$250. Five shares of stock in the Douglas Co. are also named, valued at \$2,155.40. According to the will this was the extent of his Bridgeport holdings. Mr. Batcheller rarely came to this city. He lived most of his time in New York city and was more than 81 years of age when death claimed him.

When it became known in manufacturing circles that Mr. Batcheller (Continued on Page 3.)

## PRESIDENT CALLS ON COL. HOUSE TRIP TO CORNISH

Chief Executive, Off For Vacation, Spends Day on Long Island.

New York, June 24.—President Wilson reached New York this morning on his way from Washington to Roslyn, L. I., to spend the day with his friend, Col. E. M. House. Col. House was expected to tell the President about the situation in the government of Germany, Great Britain and France regarding the possibility of peace and questions which have arisen between those governments and the United States. The visit also afforded the President an opportunity to confer with Col. House on the general war situation and the possibility of co-ordinating the American war effort in Europe.

By tunnel the President's car passed under Manhattan and the North and East rivers to Long Island city where he was met by a motorcade. The party had breakfast. The journey was resumed in time for the President to arrive at Roslyn at 9 o'clock. The President will leave Roslyn at 7:15 o'clock tonight to continue his journey to the summer capital at Cornish, N. H. He expects to stay there until July 6.

After a two hour stop in Long Island City where the party had breakfast in the President's car, the trip was continued to Roslyn. There Col. House met the President. After entering Col. House's automobile the President stood up and bowed to the 50 or more persons at the station who had come down to see him and was driven away to the home of his host.

Col. House's residence, Auchincloss, is about a mile from the railroad station on the top of a hill and screened from the roadway by big trees.

After sitting for a while on the broad veranda, screened from the roadway by towering trees and shrubbery, the President and Mr. House rose and went for a stroll over the estate, the walk ending at a vine covered pergola where they sat down. No part of their conversation was divulged but it was generally known to members of the President's party that the topics were the European war.

What Col. House had to tell the President was gained from a trip that started January 30, when he sailed from New York and ended with his return here June 14 from Liverpool. During his trip abroad it was several times reported that he was acting as President. Wilson's personal emissary, but this was denied by the President and Col. House.

## REPORTERS SAY THAW APPEARED TO BE RATIONAL

Newspapermen Who Were With Him After Escape Called at Sanity Trial.

### CANADA TOWN ASKED THAW TO LIVE THERE

Sherbrooke Alderman Says He Wanted to Have Him as a Neighbor.

New York, June 24.—Harry K. Thaw will be called to the stand today in the hearing now in progress here to determine whether he is sane, according to an announcement today by Deputy Attorney General Frank K. Cook. The state's purpose in adopting this plan, it is understood, is to avoid restrictions which will limit his story. Thaw's brief direct testimony yesterday dealt chiefly with his escape from Mattawoman and subsequent incidents. The taking of testimony for Thaw was resumed today. It was expected that his side of the case would be concluded within two days.

Gustav C. Roeder, a newspaperman, who testified yesterday in Thaw's behalf, was called today for cross-examination. He was asked but one question, whether there had been any doubt in his mind at any time as to the rationality of Thaw.

"I thought at first that he was not quite himself," he said, "but Thaw today is an entirely different man."

William L. Shurtleff, an attorney of Montreal, Quebec, whose Thaw was arrested in his flight to Canada, testified as to the various legal proceedings that took place in Canada in which he acted as Thaw's attorney of record. He had never seen Thaw since his escape from the United States.

John E. Smith, of Sherbrooke, Quebec, a newspaperman, testified that while Thaw was detained in that city he saw him every day; and Andre Rousseau, hotel proprietor at Montreal, who said he served Thaw meals, gave similar testimony.

Robert A. Ewing, a Sherbrooke alderman, said he had visited Thaw several times in jail and thought so much of him that he had invited him to become one of Sherbrooke's businessmen and invest capital there.

## NEWSDEALER IS MISSING SINCE EARLY IN WEEK

John E. Barschow Sought By Police, Boy Scouts and Distracted Wife.

John E. Barschow, newsdealer of 659 Main street, who at times has done special police duty in the Golden Hill residential district, is missing today from his home, and his wife, fearing that he has fallen into the hands of the police, is nearly in a state of collapse from worry.

The last seen of Barschow was on Tuesday when he left his home on a bicycle ostensibly to conduct some business connected with his newsroom. He had been very much worried over the sickness of his wife who had been ill for a long time.

A general alarm has been sent out by the police in an effort to trace his whereabouts but no information tending to show his present whereabouts has been received. He is described as 30 years of age, five feet, seven inches in height, and weighing about 130 pounds. His hair and mustache is gray mixed with white. When last seen he wore blue trousers and cap, brown coat and tan shoes. On his hand was a signet ring, monogrammed with the initials J. E. B.

Today the boy scouts, of whose organization Barschow is a member, are searching the city hoping to get information and return him to his family. A special request has been made to his customers to leave notice at his store where papers he was accustomed to deliver daily.

### Villa Must Leave Mexico Is Decree of Gen. Carranza

Washington, June 24.—Hope that the heads of the warring factions in Mexico would settle their differences wanted today in view of General Carranza's notice to the United States that he would not agree to atruce with General Villa pending a discussion of peace.

While Carranza's attitude was no surprise, the possibility that he does not understand the earnestness of the United States in demanding recognition of peace in Mexico is recognized by officials. It is believed that enlightenment of Carranza on this point is the object of the mission of Charles A. Douglas and E. L. Arredondo, Washington representatives of Carranza, who are to leave here tomorrow to confer with him.

General Carranza, announced that he would soon dominate the situation and grant amnesty to those not guilty of crime. He says, however, that Villa and his associates must either leave the country or be tried by a military court.

### Tailor Shop Robbed

The tailor shop belonging to S. S. Hershkovitz of 43 Crescent avenue, was broken into the night before last and goods valued at about \$1 were taken. The thieves made their entrance through a rear window.

## GERMAN SUBMARINES SINK FISHING VESSELS; BRITISH WARSHIP HIT

## Germans To Push Battle On Warsaw

London, June 24.—A despatch from Amsterdam to the Central News, says that the Germans, following their victory in Galicia, have already made preparations for another attempt to capture Warsaw. According to this despatch, German troops from Galicia already have been transferred to the Zzura front.

## NEUTRAL MAILS FROM U.S. MUST NOW GO DIRECT

Washington, June 24.—Because of the reports that United States mails destined for Norway, Sweden, Denmark and the Netherlands in transit through belligerent countries have been opened and censored, Postmaster General Burleson today directed that unless further orders all mails for those countries be sent on vessels sailing direct and not touching at any port of belligerents.

## STUDENT, FREED BY COURT FACES LOSS OF LICENSE

It is reported that the state police will ask the secretary of state to revoke the automobile driver's license of Carl V. Schlaet, the wealthy Yale student of Westport, who was acquitted yesterday afternoon by a criminal court jury of the charge of running his car with the muffler open. The state police say Schlaet has been arrested several times and is a persistent violator of the automobile laws. Schlaet is prepared to contest any action to take his license away.

Schlaet was arrested last month in Trumbull and in the town court was fined \$30 and costs. He pleaded guilty and paid the fine. The charge upon which he was arraigned yesterday resulted from his arrest by the state police in Westport in August, 1914.

## CROWDS ARRIVING IN WHALING TOWN FOR THAMES RACE

New London, June 24.—The first ripples of regatta spectators began to appear this morning and there were indications that an old fashioned Yale-Harvard boat race crowd would be flooding the town by nightfall. Dusty motor cars, bearing the colors of the rival universities, whose crews meet on the Thames river tomorrow rolled in from east and west loaded to capacity with rowing devotees.

Trains and steamboats added their quota and by the time the townfolk were thinking of lunching the atmosphere was charged with regatta enthusiasm.

Steam yachts and sailing craft began to take places along the course, fluttering two and three deep near the railroad bridge, while launches of all types carried interested spectators up the river for a view of the training quarters where the oarsmen did little but lounge about and beat cool off evening for a final paddle and an opportunity to witness the races scheduled for the late afternoon.

### Prize Court Writ Is Issued Against American Steamer

London, June 24.—A despatch from Alexandria, Egypt, to Lloyd's says a prize court writ has been issued against the American steamer Garcoyle.

The Garcoyle, a tank steamer of 4,433 gross tons, left New York May 11, for Alexandria. On her way out she was reported at Malta. She was owned by the Vacuum Oil company.

### BERLIN DENIES STORY OF PEACE OVERTURES

Berlin, June 24.—The Overseas News Agency today gave out the following: "The office of Norddeutsche Allgemeine Zeitung declares that notwithstanding reports to the contrary, during the whole war no hostile overture has been made by Germany, directly or indirectly, with peace offers."

A marriage license was granted today to Charles Kent, 28, of 57 Park place, and Beattie Tuttle, 21, of 53 Park place, also to Max Kirchner, 27, of 187 Howard avenue, and Eva J. Thorpe, 23, of 2869 Main street.

## Whole British Fleet Latest Victims of Blockaders—Berlin Confirms Report That Battle Cruiser is Damaged By Torpedo.

Swedish Vessels Are Held By Germans—Fall of Lemberg Accomplished After Most Desperate Battle, Says Report.

London, June 24.—Seven fishing vessels known as drifters, have been sunk by a German submarine off the coast of Scotland. Most of the crews of the fishing boats were saved.

### British Cruiser Hit

Berlin, June 24.—Announcement was made today that a German submarine had attacked on Sunday, June 20, a British armored cruiser, apparently of the Minotaur class, at a point about one hundred miles from the Firth of Forth, Scotland. The cruiser was hit by a torpedo but the effect of the attack could not be ascertained by the crew of the submarine.

A despatch from London last night conveyed official announcement that the British cruiser Roxburgh had been struck by a torpedo in the North Sea last Sunday.

### Swedish Ships Seized

London, June 24.—The five Swedish steamers seized in the Baltic Sea Tuesday by German warships are said to have been the Bergsjaen, Mimoso, Fram, Otis and the Malmgren. The Bergsjaen, owned in Stockholm, is a vessel of 1,520 tons gross; the Mimoso, owned in Helsingborg, is 1,064 tons; the Otis, owned in Gothenburg, 1,304 tons. Shipping records do not mention steamers known as the Fram or Kipple which are of Swedish ownership.

### RUSSIANS IN DESPERATE FIGHT TO SAVE LEMBERG

Berlin, June 24.—Details of the taking of Lemberg, while still meagre, show that the Russian troops put up a strong resistance to the very last and this in spite of the fact that their situation was hopeless.

Before the city fell the armies under General Von Mackensen and Archduke Joseph Ferdinand had driven wedges deep into the northern section of the Russian line, even as far as Tarnopol, cutting this line into two detached parts. Under pressure from the northwest and following especially effective artillery bombardment by the army of General Boehm-Ermelli the Austrians completed the disaster by breaking the Russian center which was supported on Lemberg.

At the same time General Von Mackensen pressed steadily on the soldiers of Emperor Nicholas, who were in full retreat along the line from Lemberg to Rawa Ruska. General Boehm-Ermelli assumed the pursuit of the enemy northeast and east of Lemberg. The Russian evacuation of Lemberg had been completed according to the despatches reaching Berlin, the Russians, threatened by the further advance of the German and Austro-Hungarian armies, also began retreating from the angle in northern Galicia formed by the rivers San and Vistula, a section of territory which lies to the northwest of Przemysl and east of the district around Kielce, in Russian Poland, about 100 miles south of Warsaw.

The victorious troops of the German allies were given an ovation when they entered Lemberg. The city is described as having been little damaged with the exception of a big fire in the western part where (Continued on Page 3.)

## DERNBURG PLEADED WITH OUTCOME OF HIS MISSION HERE

Says He Thinks Americans Now Understand Position of Germany.

New York, June 24.—An interview with Dr. Bernhard Dernburg, the former German Colonial secretary, published by the Tribune, today was obtained here, that paper says, on June 11 under the stipulation that it should not be printed until Dr. Dernburg's arrival in Bergen, Norway.

"Some of the allies might take offense at some of my statements and I should not be printing my journey," he was quoted as saying.

The steamer Bergensfjord, on which Dr. Dernburg was a passenger was due to arrive in Bergen today, but a heavy despatch from London received here last night said that the vessel had been detained at Kirkwall, Scotland, where it was understood the passengers and crew were undergoing an investigation. The Tribune quotes Dr. Dernburg as saying that his mission in the United States, though curtailed, had been successful.

"I believe the great American public has been given a clearer and better understanding of the German case and the German aims of this war," he said.

Dr. Dernburg said that he would go immediately to Berlin and confer with government officials there.